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THE GENEVA STALEMATE -- AND A COUPLE OF NEW GAMBITS

While Western and Soviet diplomats traded accusations at the continuing onclusive Geneva talks, two eminent Westerners were telling a different story.

In a feature article in the London *Times* last month, Field Marshal Viscount ntgomery had this to say: "It is often thought that the Russians are planning to ack the West the moment a favorable opportunity occurs. I do not believe this one moment." He added that "if ever a nation today wanted peace it is Russia";

ey have nothing to gain from a nu- r war; indeed, they have everything ose."

Montgomery had just returned from t to the USSR, where he noted strik- changes that have occurred since death of Stalin. In 1947, he recalls, people looked "depressed and fright- l"; "today all that has changed."

lthough remaining committed to his try's side of the cold war, Mont- ery called upon the West to try a dlier approach; "we must cease to t of our nuclear strength and what an do with it"; and pleaded for in- sed trade and exchanges of top- ing leaders in an atmosphere of e and let live."

nother visitor, former N.Y. Governor ell Harriman, said in a syndicated paper article that peace is a ional preoccupation" in the USSR. ough skeptical of Soviet government e propaganda, he writes of "farm- s and factory workers whose memo- of the unprecedented sufferings of ast war are still vivid," and says when they express their horror of ner war, "no one can doubt their erity."

ne fact that distinguishes Montgom- s and Harriman's views from those nany others who talk glibly about ments, preventive war and all that, at these men are writing from first- knowledge and personal contact.

is worth pondering what might be esult if President Eisenhower and etary Herter were to take a stroll down Gorky Street in Moscow, chatting with the housewives, workers and small children who are the potential targets of American missiles; and if Khrushchev and Gromyko were to take a similar stroll along Broadway in New York City. Would such an experiment in human relations be amiss for these high dignitaries of national sovereignty, when the future of mankind is at stake?

"One of the Glories of Our Age"

"(Negro leaders) have been working to promote a long-term drive for Negro voting in the South. They decry bitterness as well as violence. In their courageous challenge to long-accepted injustices, they do not forget the Biblical injunction to love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

"White Americans, North and South, have no real right to expect the Negro struggle for equal rights to take so far-seeing and so gentle a form. Terrorism and violence would be the weapons a student of social change would expect.

"The fact that Negro leadership in the United States so overwhelmingly seeks to gain equal rights by persuasion, law and Christian charity is one of the glories of our age."

--The Des Moines *(Iowa)* Register, *in a May 14 editorial.*

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Ohio Governor Asks Death Penalty End

Gov. Michael V. DiSalle of Ohio has continued to call vigorously for the abolition of the death penalty, even though his legislature turned down his recommendation for such legislation. In an article in the June 7 issue of *Parade*, a syndicated Sunday newspaper supplement, DiSalle acknowledges having sponsored a death penalty bill as a legislator 22 years ago, but says that "now maturity has produced in me a deeper feeling for the obligations of society in which examples must be considered."

The Ohio governor points out that eight of the nine persons on the staff at the governor's mansion are convicted murderers.

"The answer to the problem," he concludes, "...lies in mercy and a greater probing of the human mind...Without this approach, we become as pagan, as vicious, as psychotic as those from whom we would protect ourselves."

Bishop Reeves Reports On South African Trial Delays

Continuing delays in the South African Treason Trials are adding to the defendants' expenses, according to a report from Anglican Bishop Reeves of Johannesburg. "Sixty-one accused in the second group in the Treason Trials had the indictment quashed," the Bishop said, "but...the Attorney General intends to appeal against this decision." The first 30 defendants have appealed to a higher court on matters of law a "this means that their trial will not sume until August 3. So this case dra on and on and...adds considerably the expense."

The Bishop also expressed gratitu for "both the sympathy and the practi help of people such as those who c tribute to the South Africa Defen Fund." The Defense Fund's address 4 West 40th St., New York 18, N.Y.

Available from the above address reprints of a recent article, "South Afr 1959," by Alan Paton, which origina appeared last month in *Christianity Crisis*. In the article, Paton calls att tion to a new slogan for white supremac --"separate development"--that is be offered as a substitute for *apartheid* He calls it a subterfuge and conclud that "*apartheid* by whatever name c never be just..."

Luthuli Curbed in South Africa

FOR member Albert Luthuli, pre dent general of the African Natio Congress was banned on May 27 f attending any meetings or gatherings South Africa for the next five years. the same time, the 61-year-old Afric leader was forbidden to leave his ho district in Lower Tugela, Natal Provin Luthuli, who is a Christian and a cha pion of interracial amity, was schedu to address a rally of some 30,000 A cans in Johannesburg on May 30, nouncing a proposed economic boyc of companies controlled by the whi supremacist ruling Nationalist pa and a renewal of the campaign agai the laws requiring nonwhites to ca identification passes at all times.

Luthuli became a figure of natio importance in the 1930s when he lef teaching career to become chief o Zulu tribe. In 1952-53 he helped org ize the nonviolent resistance campai against *apartheid* in post offices, r road stations and other public faciliti For this he was barred from travel a from attending meetings for a year. 1957 he was one of 60 Treason Tri defendants freed after a year-long "p liminary inquiry."

NEWS from the peace front

The Rev. Maurice F. McCrackin, FOR
mber imprisoned for failing to answer
Revenue Service summons, was re-
sed on June 1 after serving five
nths and four days in the Federal
son Camp at Allenwood, Pa. For the
st ten years, McCrackin has donated
charities that portion of his federal
ome tax which would be used for mil-
ry purposes.

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An FOR member took a prominent
t in the debate that preceded adop-
n recently by the Southern Baptist
nvention of a resolution urging greater
peration between white and Negro
urchmen in easing racial tensions.
e Rev. John W. Laney, of Twinbrook
ptist Church, Rockville, Md., sup-
ted the resolution against its at-
kers and declared, "And this resolu-
n should say to our incoming president
t we would like to have not timid
tements to the press, but positive
ion toward eliminating racial tension."

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Legal action by the West German
fense Minister against Dr. Martin
moller, famed German pacifist and
R member, has been dropped. The
rges accused Dr. Niemoller of "un-
mining the Constitution" by describ-
the training camps for commando
diers as "a finishing school for pro-
sional criminals." Dr. Niemoller
ressed regret that the suit had been
pped, since he regarded it as a test
whether the state can deny freedom
speech when it believes its security
being jeopardized.

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The June issue of the *Progressive*
arks editorially on the "suspicious"
ncidence that two new reports on
ntium-90 danger were published on
same day recently. One report dis-
sed (in the *Nation*) that the strontium
tent in the bones of small children
doubled since 1957; the other (from
AEC) doubled the estimate of the
amount of strontium-90 that could "safely"
be allowed to accumulate in the human
body. The AEC's history, says the mag-
azine, is "so replete with suppression
of information and distortion of fact as
to cast serious doubt on the validity of
this recent optimistic estimate..."

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FOR member Henry F. Pommer, in an
article in the May 30 issue of *Friends
Journal,* bemoans the failure of Quaker
colleges to institute courses in non-
violence. He points to courses at the
College of the Pacific and Boston Uni-
versity School of Theology (both Method-
ist) and Manchester College (Brethren),
as examples of what can be done.

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Total religious giving by all faiths
in the United States increased 54 per-
cent between 1950 and 1957, according
to a recent report issued by the Method-
ist Publishing House. Protestant giving
increased 43 percent; Methodist by 49
percent. Contributions to the FOR na-
tional budget increased in the same
period by 36 percent, from $97,000 to
$132,000.

LIT NOTES

Defense in the Nuclear Age, a book
that has created a great deal of discus-
sion in Britain since its publication
there in 1957, will be brought out in the
United States this fall by Fellowship
Publications. Its author, Commander Sir
Stephen King-Hall has written a "Chap-
ter for American Readers," and TV
commentator Edward R. Murrow has
done an introduction for the American
edition. Fellowship will simultaneously
publish an extensively revised edition
of Richard B. Gregg's classic *The
Power of Nonviolence.*

The International FOR now publishes
a quarterly youth magazine called *Via
Pacis.* Samples of the magazine may be
had by writing to General Secretary E.
Philip Eastman, 185, Gray's Inn Road,
London, W. C. 1, England.

Reynolds Conviction Upset; Bigelow's Upheld in Appeals

The conviction of Dr. Earle Reynolds, who sailed his yacht Phoenix into the atomic testing zone last summer, was reversed June 1 by the U. S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco, on a technicality. The court did not consider Reynolds' contention that the AEC had no constitutional right to ban him from the area, but ordered a new trial because the Honolulu district court had not permitted him to act as his own lawyer.

The week before, the court had upheld the conviction for contempt of court of Albert Bigelow, skipper of the Golden Rule.

Japanese Peace Marchers Begin 2-Month Hiroshima Trek

On June 10, marchers from Tokyo, Niigata and Nagasaki began a two-month peace pilgrimage to Hiroshima, Japan, to commemorate the fourteenth anniversary of the atomic bombing of that city at the end of World War II. The march, announced by the Japan Council Against A & H Bombs, forms the core of a nationwide demonstration in which ten million people are expected to participate. Other aspects of the campaign include the circulation of a petition to be presented to the Geneva conference, asking delegates there to conclude an agreement, and demands for newly elected local legislatures to pass resolutions against nuclear armament.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 20-27. AFSC Middle Atlantic stitute on World Affairs, Cape M N. J. Write: AFSC Middle Atlan Office, 20 S. 12th St., Phila., Pa.

June 22-24. Kirkridge Seminar: Tra ing for Nonviolence. John Oliver N son & Glenn E. Smiley. Write: Jos E. Platt, Kirkridge, Bangor, Penna.

June 29-Aug. 8. Middle Atlantic F Summer Leadership Training Worksh Philadelphia. Write: Charles C. Walk FOR, Cheyney, Penna.

June 18-July ?. Nonviolent vigil protest against missile warfare at m sile base in Omaha, Nebraska. Wri Omaha Action, Box 9057, Chic 90, Ill.

July 1-5. Vigil Against Bacterial We ons, Fort Detrick, Md. Write: Char C. Walker, 2006 Walnut Street, Phil

August 1-8. AFSC Institute on W Affairs at Winnipesaukee, N. H., w FOR Secretary John Swomley on culty. Write: AFSC, Box 247, C bridge, Mass.

August 4-6 (tentative). Leaders c ference on nonviolence at Spelln College, Atlanta, Georgia. Join sponsored by FOR, Southern Chr tian Leadership Conference and CO

August 15-18. FOR Family Camp
August 18-22. FOR National Con ence, at Green Lake, Wisconson. Wr Glenn Smiley, Box 271, Nyack, N. Y

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